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Cancer 'just what I have'

Deirdre Leahy one of hundreds of young Nova Scotians diagnosed

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for Metro Halifax

Deirdre Leahy says cancer isn't a dirty word; "it's just what I have."

And she isn't afraid to tell others she has been fighting Hodgkin's lymphoma since she was 17 years old.

In Nova Scotia alone, 312 males and females aged 15 to 29 were diagnosed with cancer over the last five years, according to a Canadian Cancer Statistics report released Thursday. That's about 62 young people annually.

"People have to understand that I have cancer to understand me," Leahy, now 24, said after sharing her story with a small group gathered inside the Canadian Cancer Society's office on South Street.

That's why she refused to wear a wig to her prom when she graduated from the former Sir John A. MacDonald High School and has gladly let all her friends rub her head after going through chemotherapy.

Across Canada, about 2,075 young people are diagnosed with cancer annually and 326 die from the disease.

"While the increase in survival is good news, more information is needed about cancer in this age group and about the unique challenges these young patients face so more can be done," says Louise Parker, chair of population cancer research for the society's Nova Scotia Division.

Lymphomas are one of the most commonly diag-



Deirdre Leahy poses with a bunch of daffodils near Citadel Hill Thursday. Leahy, who is now 24, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma when she was 17. More coverage on cancer statistics, pg 5

Nova Scotia cancer rates highest in nation

STUDY The bad news is Nova Scotia still has the highest cancer incidence rates in the country, the Canadian Cancer Society announced Thursday.

Maureen Summers, executive director of the society's Nova Scotia division, said 6,000 new cancer diagnoses and 2,700 deaths from the disease are expected here this year alone.

But the good news is the

survival rate for all cancers in this province has improved by 4.5 per cent over the past decade, up to 62 per cent, she said.

Nevertheless, Ms. Summers said Nova Scotians need to do more to maintain healthy lifestyles and that more population-based cancer research is needed to better understand these stats.

"Cancer statistics are peo-

Leahy said obstacles she has faced include taking five instead of three years to

ple with the tears wiped away," she said, repeating a telling quote she once heard.

Also according to the 2009 Canadian Cancer Statistics, about 40 per cent of Canadian women and 45 per cent of men will develop cancer during their lifetimes, while about one in four in this country will die from the disease.

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complete her German degree at Dalhousie University and not being able to work

while going to school.

"It's that weird stage in life when you're going from child to adult," she said. "You're taking control of your world, and even though you have cancer, it's still your world."

Leahy hopes talking about cancer will help encourage other young people to stay healthy and if they have cancer, to stay strong and follow their dreams.

"I just want to be an ESL teacher and just travel the world."

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Cape Breton car crash kills one

ACCIDENT One person is dead and two others injured following a head-on collision in a small Inverness County community Thursday morning.

The accident occurred around 7:20 a.m. on Marble Mountain Road in Marble Mountain, which overlooks the Bras d'Or Lake.

A female passenger in one of the vehicles was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the same vehicle was transported by air ambulance from the accident to the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax with serious injuries. The lone occupant of the other vehicle was transported by ambulance to the Strait Richmond Hospital with under-terminated injuries.

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Cole Harbour fighter to make UFC debut

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For those about to rock...

Tickets for AC/DC's performance at the Magnetic Hill Concert site in Moncton on Thursday, Aug. 6 go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. General admission tickets are \$99.50, and are available online at tickets.moncton.ca or by calling 1-888-720-5600. They are also available at all Needs convenience store locations across Atlantic Canada. **METRO HALIFAX**

Province boosts hospital, school funding

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Hospitals and school boards will both get more funding next year, the government announced Thursday.

All nine district health authorities and the IWK Health Centre will receive a four per cent increase to operational or non-wage budgets, as well as full funding for wage and benefit increases.

While the increase is less than the seven per cent district health authorities got in recent years, the government will also chip in \$10 million to be spent on medical equipment.

The province separately announced that it would be giving \$44.8 million to school boards in 2009-10. Most of that money will go towards salary costs.

Premier Rodney MacDonald said he was announcing the spending increases before the spring budget because the departments needed to know



The province announced Thursday budget increases for the province's nine district health authorities and the IWK Health Centre, which is pictured.

how much money they had to work with. He dismissed the idea that the announcements were political.

"Not at all. There are certain obligations our school boards have, for example contractual obligations," he told reporters Thursday.

"It provides for better decision making. And it's appropriate, given some of the time constraints that they're under."

The education spending is close to the 4.5 per cent increase school boards had been seeking.

However district health

authorities didn't get the seven per cent increase they were hoping for. Health Minister Karen Casey said she wouldn't give specific numbers until the district health authorities get them, but said the increase should be enough.

"All DHAs were taking

Release the budget, already: Opposition

Liberals, NDP demand Tories let province see 'entire picture'

Premier Rodney MacDonald should stop leaking spending announcements and just release the budget already, say both opposition parties.

The Tories announced Thursday budget increases to the health and education departments, the latest in a slew of spending announcements.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said the Tories are just trying to get publicity.

"They've been scrambling to get some stories in the news over the last number of days, and this is just another one," McNeil said.

"They should be doing the right thing, which is introducing a budget, allow Nova Scotians to assess the entire picture. And then we make a decision. Doing it piecemeal is

not the way to be running this province."

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter agreed, saying that the premier was "budgeting by news release." He said the announcements on their own were useless without the overall fiscal plan.

"One of the reasons we have budget estimates is so we can examine on a line-by-line basis where that money's going," said Dexter, who also said the lower increase on health pending will have negative effects.

"What the government didn't announce today is things like how many surgeries are going to be cancelled or how long wait lists are going to be extended."

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part of that seven per cent and using it for capital for equipment purchases. So what we did was we reduced that seven to four but we put aside \$10 mil-

lion for capital," Casey said. "We believe it will balance out."

Last year the district health authorities received \$1.4 billion.

News in brief

MISSING Meteghan RCMP is asking for the public's assistance in locating a 63-year-old man who has been missing since Wednesday morning. Reginald Paul Comeau of Saulnierville was last seen leaving his residence at 10:30 a.m. He requires medical attention and police are concerned for his well being. Comeau is described as six-foot-one and 170 pounds. He has short grayish hair, blue eyes and wears prescription glasses. He was last seen wearing blue jeans with holes in them, a black coloured cap and could be wearing ski-doo winter boots. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Meteghan RCMP at 902-645-2326 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. **METRO HALIFAX**

Musicians sponsor slow-and-steady turtle race

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It's a turtle race for which you'll find coverage online and competitors with sponsors like R.E.M. and Pearl Jam.

Eleven endangered leatherback sea turtles are racing from feeding areas off the Atlantic Ocean to breeding areas in the warm, tropical waters of the warm Caribbean. The race started yesterday off the Nova Scotia coast near

St. Margarets Bay and will last about two weeks.

The race is taking place to spotlight the importance of protecting these "iconic animal species" from extinction. The leatherback is the world's largest turtle, growing up to be two metres in length and 500 kilograms.

"Waters off Atlantic Canada are one of the most important feeding grounds for leatherback turtles,"

Dr. Mike James, director of science for the Canadian Sea Turtle Network, said in



a release.

"Canadians share their leatherbacks with the in-

ternational community, and this race highlights how important it is we work together to care for this species."

The leatherbacks have each been satellite-tagged by Canadian Sea Turtle Network in Halifax to monitor their progress, which people can do online at greatturtleneck.org. Turtle names for the race include Nightswimmer, sponsored by R.E.M., and Pearl Jam's Backspacer.

Ship Harbour Long Lake info sessions planned

ENVIRONMENT The process of getting Wilderness Area status for Ship Harbour Long Lake is moving forward.

The Department of Environment announced yesterday that two dates have been set-aside in May for information sessions about the revised boundary for the 1,400-hectare wilderness area in the eastern region of HRM.

The sessions will take place on May 20 at St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church Hall in Musquodoboit Harbour and May 27 at the Fairbanks Centre in Dartmouth. The sessions each run from 3 to 7 p.m.

By getting Wilderness Area status, Ship Harbour Long Lake would be protected from industrial activities such as logging and mining.

Last month, the Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association said it was concerned by delays in the province's progress with the designation.

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Workers comp system needs overhaul, say advocates

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RALLY Dozens of injured workers advocates gathered outside the Nova Scotia legislature Thursday hoping to change the workers compensation system.

The rally came on the seventh anniversary of a report that recommended extensive changes to the system. Larry Maloney, vice-president of the Pictou

County Injured Workers' Group, said nowhere near enough has been done.

"We want this to be an election issue this year," he said. "People are living in poverty."

But Labour Minister Mark Parent said he could only tell the protestors one thing — there's just not enough money.

"Frankly, I'm going to have to be honest with them and tell them that in light of the financial crisis

"We want this to be an election issue this year. People are living in poverty."

Larry Maloney

I don't see that I have room to do anything on the benefits side without having to raise the fees to employers, which are already amongst the highest in the country," he said.

But Maloney said some changes could actually end up saving money. He said inefficiencies in the system have led to waste, and there needs to be more of a focus on injury prevention.

"I know that this is an economic crisis. I understand that," he said. "But look at the dollar savings that could be made by reducing accidents. If there's no claims to start with there's millions of dollars being saved."

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What's online today.

Video A spoon-bending mentalist shows off at metronews.ca/canada

Blogs Hollywood Rants makes a case for staying home with Sixteen Candles this weekend.

Funding announced for Northside Civic Centre

All three levels of government announced yesterday a new \$12-million civic centre for North Sydney. The Northside Civic Centre will feature an NHL-size ice surface, seating for 800 and an indoor walking track. The federal and provincial governments will each invest \$4 million. **METRO HALIFAX**

Cops unveil 'significant' clue

Jacket believed to belong to suspect in death of Juamar Carvery

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Halifax police hope a sporty black and silver jacket found the night Juamar Carvery was killed will put a major piece in their murder investigation puzzle.

The 21-year-old father of two was shot to death near Uniacke Square almost a year ago.

The Halifax Regional Police investigator heading up the Carvery case told the media Thursday the jacket, adorned with the word Fubu, was found underneath a car on Wood Avenue and could be "quite significant to the investigation."

"That's why we want to present it now," Sgt. Kevin Smith said as he stood on Olympic Court next to a memorial dedicated to Carvery.

That's also where patrol officers found Carvery suffering from several gun shot wounds after mid-night last May 3. He died in hospital.

"We believe it belongs to one of the suspects in the shooting," Smith said, adding the jacket turned up when a police dog led officers to the cul-de-sac off North Street.

"We just feel that there's potential for people to possibly recognize it and come



Sgt. Kevin Smith of the Halifax police major crime unit holds a photo Thursday of a jacket investigators believe was worn by one of the suspects in the murder of Juamar Carvery, who was killed May 3, 2008, in Uniacke Square.

forward," he said.

Police have "several persons of interest" in mind, Smith said. "Our witness information suggests that there were three suspects that fled north in the direction of the MacDonald Bridge."

A woman who lives next to the walkway where police found Carvery said on Thursday that she heard five gunshots ring out that fateful night.

"I looked out the window and (saw) the police," she said. "I was shaking."

The woman, who called herself Angela, said the young man "was like one of her boys" and community members are still upset over his death.

Police are asking anyone with information to call the major crime unit at

490-5333.

"Knowing what occurred — and by no means do we think we know everything — is one thing (and) proving it is another thing," Smith said. "That's a burden that we have to contend with."

Drug crime list given to Eskasoni band council

The RCMP has provided a list of names to band council in Eskasoni, which has introduced a tough new policy to suspend privileges for members charged with drug trafficking offences.

Staff Sgt. Dan Morrow confirmed the list includes

the names of more than 20 band members who have been convicted for or charged with drug trafficking or possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking since the start of 2008.

Morrow said he isn't comfortable at this time with releasing the names on the list.

"I am comfortable that I am well within RCMP policy to supply the names of a person that has been charged with an offence to my local governing body, but it is a balancing act ... to weigh the protection of a person's privacy and the needs of the community," The RCMP officer wasn't sure how band council would deal with band members who were already convicted in the past.

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News in brief

CHARGES A 23-year-old male is facing charges of assault with a weapon and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle after a person tried to elude police in Halifax early Thursday morning. Halifax Regional Police say at about 2:30 a.m., officers were flagged down after a suspect had smashed a window at the King of Donair and then fled in a vehicle. Officers tried to stop the vehicle on Prince Street, but police say the driver failed to stop, causing an officer to jump onto the sidewalk. A driver and his passenger were later arrested on Barrington Street.

COURT A 23-year-old man was in Halifax Provincial Court Thursday facing two charges after 1,700 pills of ecstasy and two grams of cocaine were seized in the 2000 block of Quinpool Road on Wednesday around 8 p.m. Police say the street value of the drugs was \$34,000. The accused faces two charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking.

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Public's assistance sought for Lake Echo robbery last year

SUSPECTS The Halifax Regional Municipality Integrated General Investigate Section is asking for the public's assistance in identifying four robbery suspects in relation to an armed robbery at the Bosch's Rite Stop in Lake Echo last year.

At about 7 p.m. on Sept. 11, 2008, four black males entered the store and demanded cash from the store clerk. The males

were wearing masks and one was carrying a handgun. The males fled the scene with cash, cigarettes and lottery tickets.

The suspects are described in their late teens to mid-20s, sporting long, cargo-type shorts, sneakers and hooded sweatshirts.

Anyone with information is asked to call 490-5016 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Police on lookout for flasher

INCIDENT Halifax Regional Police say a man approached an 18-year-old female Wednesday afternoon, exposed himself and then asked for a sexual act.

The incident took place along a path near Waynewood Drive and Everett Street in Halifax. The victim told police she was walking along the

path when a silver SUV approached her. She left the area after the incident and contacted police.

Police failed to find the suspect after searching the area.

The suspect is described as a white male, late 20s or early 30s, with short brown hair.

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The province announced Thursday its plans for the new Lakeview Consolidated elementary school set to open in 2010. It is to be built just off Highway 107 and Exit 20, bordering Porters Lake Connector and Porters Lake Station Road. The sale is contingent on the completion of several assessments. **METRO HALIFAX**

Students stage cuts protest

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Halifax's aspiring artists planned to hold a unique demonstration overnight Thursday to protest potential budget cuts at NSCAD University.

Students held an "all night studio-in" on all three campuses to show their opposition to shutting down 24-hour access to the school. The universi-

ty's board of governors could discuss the matter at their meeting April 30.

"NSCAD students rely on round-the-clock studio access for the use of specialized equipment to complete their academic requirements," the school's student union said in a news release. The school will close from 11:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. "if these controversial budget cuts are passed."

Student union president

Emily Davidson said Thursday those cuts could amount to \$145,000, or less than one per cent of the university's total costs.

She said the cost chopping could also result in reduced library hours and remove vital student jobs. For many students, she said, those minimum wage jobs mean the difference between attending school or dropping out.

University spokeswoman Linda Hutchison

confirmed Thursday the university is "considering various options for cost-saving," but said it's "premature" to say what areas are at risk.

Hutchison said administrators are listening to students, adding their concerns will be taken into consideration when making cuts.

Davidson said more than 250 students have signed a petition to make their case stronger.

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Canadian singer-songwriter k.d. lang performs at the Metro Centre Thursday night as part of her North American tour. Halifax's Meaghan Smith was the opening act.

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Sunwing still operating in Sydney, airline says

A discount airline says its business as usual until the Sydney Airport Authority tells it otherwise.

Sunwing Airlines continues to advertise Sydney as one of its Canadian destinations and the company is still selling tickets on its website for the seasonal service that is slated to begin from the Sydney airport in June.

The chief executive officer of the Sydney Airport Authority told the Cape Breton Post Tuesday that Sunwing is no longer welcome to fly into Sydney due to the addition of a new seasonal service offered by WestJet.

Larry MacPherson said Sunwing didn't notify the airport of its plans to return. Instead, the airport

agreed to a deal with WestJet that will see a Boeing 737 fly non-stop to Toronto three times a week, beginning May 5. It will have a capacity of 105 to 120 passengers.

"It marks a strange set of circumstances when an airport ... is now controlling, under the auspices of the general manager or chairman of the board, saying who can and cannot come into a market," said Bob Sime, Sunwing's general manager for Atlantic Canada.

He said in the case of the Canadian destinations serviced by Sunwing, its flight capacity is in "high demand" for the upcoming summer tourism season.

CAPE BRETON POST

News in brief

FERTILIZER Liberal agricultural critic Leo Glavine is worried the province might lose more of its farmers due to the rising costs of fertilizer. Glavine said the price for fertilizer has jumped from 78 to 103 per cent, depending on brand, which he

says is making life even more difficult for Nova Scotia farmers during what are very tough economic times. "A product that cost farmers \$545 per tonne last year costs almost \$1100 per tonne today," he said in a release. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Man leaps to his death from plane

An apparently distressed passenger aboard a small charter flight Wednesday night to Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, forced open the aircraft's door and leapt to his death, police said. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Canada



Lafleur didn't mention tryst

Hockey legend Guy Lafleur appeared in court Thursday in his defence against a charge of giving contradictory testimony, telling a judge it never occurred to him to mention his son's hotel tryst while he was under curfew. Lafleur is on trial on a charge of giving contradictory testimony during a bail hearing on various criminal charges for his son Mark in 2007. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Schreiber admits lie

INQUIRY Karlheinz Schreiber says he knowingly lied about Brian Mulroney and him patching up their differences in a 2006 letter so Prime Minister Stephen Harper would consider intervening in his extradition case and agree to an inquiry into alleged scandals in Ottawa.

Schreiber, wanted in Germany on tax evasion, told a public inquiry the former Progressive Conservative prime minister had indirectly asked for the letter so he could show it to Harper when the Mulroneys and the Harpers got together at the prime minister's Harrington Lake summer home.

"How could he go to Mr. Harper (if) we are not on good terms ... to speak to him about this inquiry and my case?" Schreiber said yesterday at the inquiry. Schreiber has testified he handed Mulroney envelopes stuffed with \$1,000 bills three times over an 18-month period to promote the Bear Head proposal and that the deal was forged on June 23, 1993, when Mulroney was still prime minister.

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News in brief

GREENHOUSE GASES U.S. efforts to curb emissions of greenhouse gases mean Canada will have to put a price on carbon and set up a national cap-and-trade system, an official panel said Thursday.

REUTERS

Upside in young cancer cases

Survival rate brightens for patients aged 15 to 29, new study shows

Next month will bring a triumphant milestone for Sommer Ellis. On May 5, it will be five years since the 24-year-old was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma.

"It's been a long battle and it's so reassuring I've almost reached that mark," she said. "I plan to have a big celebration with family and friends."

The Toronto woman is among an increasing number of young Canadians coping successfully with cancer. The Canadian Cancer Society yesterday released statistics showing a 5 per cent increase in the five-year survival rate of

Study info

- On average, there were 2,075 new cancer cases a year for Ellis' 15 to 29 age group between 1992 and 2005 in Canada. Lymphomas are one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers for both sexes, along with thyroid cancer in females and testicular cancer in males.
- Incidence rates grew slightly

patients between 15 and 29 years of age.

Despite the good news, the society says this is a "largely understudied population" of cancer sufferers

for both sexes between 1996 and 2005 for this age group — for males by 0.8 per cent a year and for females by 1.4 per cent. But death rates declined by a greater number, for males by 2.9 per cent a year and for females by 1.4 per cent, between 1995 and 2004. The most common cancer killer for both genders is leukemia.

when it comes to cancer and more research and supports are required to meet their needs.

Among those in this age range diagnosed with can-

cer between 2001 and 2004, 85 per cent are still alive today. That's up from 80 per cent in that time frame for those diagnosed between 1992 to 1995.

The five-year survival rate is an indicator of a good prognosis beyond that point. The longer a person lives cancer-free, the better the chances the disease won't return.

"It's definitely great news," said Ellis, who works in public relations at the University Health Network. "We hope the rate continues to rise," she says.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Swollen Red River hits its crest early

FLOODING The swollen Red River has hit its highest level in the city of Winnipeg two days earlier than expected and should now begin to decline, government officials said on Thursday.

The river rose one foot (0.3 metres) overnight to its crest of 22.5 feet (6.9 metres) because of heavy ice moving in from the Assiniboine River, which meets the Red in the city's downtown.

"There's going to be some relief but we're not letting our guard down," said Steve Ashton, the minister responsible for emergency measures in Manitoba.

REUTERS

CFB Trenton Slain soldier comes home



Family members approach the hearse carrying Trooper Karine Blais at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ont., Thursday. Trooper Blais was killed when her vehicle struck an improvised explosive device north of Kandahar City in Afghanistan on April 13.

Ski jumping women fight for their right to compete in 2010

OLYMPICS The discipline, drive and focus they learned as athletes have helped prepare 15 female ski jumpers for their fight to be included in the 2010 Olympics, two of the jumpers said.

Lawyers representing the women will present their opening arguments in B.C. Supreme Court on Monday in a lawsuit that claims VANOC has violated their rights to equality by only allowing male athletes to compete in 2010.

American jumper Lindsey Van, who is a plaintiff in the case and the current world champion, said training to be a world-class

athlete has prepared her to take on any fight.

"You learn mental toughness to be competitive, and it's the same thing in this situation," Van said.

"It's a historic thing that's happening in our sport and it's important to be in Vancouver on Monday. If it doesn't work out at least we'll have the satisfaction of knowing that we actually tried."

The IOC said the women would not have participated in enough world championships to justify including a women's component in the Olympics.

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Indonesia's Supreme Court has reversed a \$93 million US libel ruling against Time magazine over a story about ex-president Suharto. A May 1999 cover story alleged that Suharto and his family had amassed a fortune of around \$15 billion, including \$9 billion transferred via Switzerland to an Austrian bank account. **REUTERS**

World



WTC rebuilding on hold

The owners of the former site of New York's World Trade Center towers, pictured left, have proposed indefinitely putting off two of three planned new office towers at the site until the real estate market recovers, officials familiar with the negotiations said. One analysis predicts that the last of the towers won't be finished until 2030. **REUTERS**

China Pumping up the navy



Paramilitary policemen take part in an anti-terrorism drill at a military base in Yinchuan, Ningxia Hui region Thursday. China will accelerate development of warships, stealth submarines and long-range missiles as the country makes a stronger navy a priority.

Obama backs Mexico's drug cartel crackdown

In his first trip to Latin America as U.S. president, Barack Obama pledged his support Thursday for the Mexican government's fight against ruthless drug cartels waging turf wars along the border.

Obama offered Mexican President Felipe Calderon a partnership in his efforts to combat the cartels. "Something that President Calderon and myself ab-

solutely recognize is that you can't fight this war with just one hand," he said.

Obama will push the Senate to ratify a treaty to reduce the flow of arms and ammunition to drug cartels, a senior U.S. official said. The administration is tightening security at the border to prevent gun trafficking, and hopes to provide helicopters to boost Mexico's efforts. **REUTERS**

No charges for CIA

• CIA interrogators who used waterboarding on terrorism suspects will not face prosecution, President Barack Obama said Thursday, in releasing Bush-era memos specifying that the practice, and others including week-long sleep deprivation and forced nudity, did not constitute torture. **REUTERS**

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News in brief

BOLIVIA Security forces said they thwarted an assassination plot against President Evo Morales Thursday, killing three people in a half-hour shootout. Two Hungarians and a Bolivian, who were believed to

be part of a conspiracy to kill Morales, were killed in the gunfight at a hotel in the city of Santa Cruz.

SCIENCE A colony of iron-breathing microbes has

survived for millions of years under an Antarctic glacier, thriving without air or sunlight, researchers reported Thursday.

BOLIVIA France plans to hand

the 11 Somali pirates seized in a naval raid this week to Kenyan authorities, as Europe ramps up its mission to fight the wave of attacks on shipping in the waters off East Africa. **REUTERS**

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News in brief

GAZA An Israeli air strike destroyed a house in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Thursday, the first such attack on the Palestinian enclave in over a month, residents said. No one was injured. The house, located near the border fence with Israel, was empty at the time of the blast, officials of the Hamas Islamist group said.

ITALY Thousands of people made homeless by Italy's worst earthquake in three decades will be moved from tent villages into more permanent housing before autumn, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said on Thursday. Italy's worst quake since 1980 killed 294 people earlier this month.

REUTERS

U.S. security chief faces harsh criticism

U.S. domestic security chief Janet Napolitano sought Thursday to clear up a flap over her office's warning that some military veterans risk joining right-wing extremist groups.

Napolitano's Department of Homeland Security drew criticism from Republicans for saying in a report last week that military veterans returning from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could be recruitment targets for the right-wing groups.

Inconvenient truth?

- The report detailed that right-wing extremists are gaining new recruits by exploiting fears about the economy and the election of America's first black president, Barack Obama.

The report said those veterans having trouble finding jobs or settling back into civilian society could in particular be targeted for recruiting.

Some Republicans reacted with outrage when the report leaked this week. John Boehner of Ohio, the Republican

leader in the House, called it "offensive and unacceptable" to suggest that some veterans defending the country are "potential terrorists."

Napolitano said on NBC's Today show that the report was an assessment, not an accusation.

REUTERS**Georgia Tiring protest**

Demonstrators sit during a protest in Tbilisi, Georgia, on Thursday. Georgia's president accused Russia of backing the rally.

India goes to the polls

INDIA From the Chinese border to holy Ganges cities, tens of millions of Indians began voting on Thursday in a month-long election with signs that an unstable coalition may emerge in the middle of an economic slowdown.

The ruling Congress party-led coalition appears to lead against an alliance

headed by the Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), but both may need the support of a host of smaller and unpredictable regional parties to win office. India's Election Commission estimated Thursday's preliminary voter turnout at 58.62 per cent.

REUTERS**Many Hearts. Many Minds. One Goal.****Public Call for Board Members**

Cancer Care Nova Scotia is looking for people willing to put their hearts and minds together to work on one goal – reducing the growing burden of cancer in Nova Scotia.

The Board of Cancer Care Nova Scotia is seeking new members to serve three-year terms. Members are sought from all areas of the province and from all aspects of the cancer experience.

Cancer Care Nova Scotia is a provincial program of the Nova Scotia Department of Health. It exists to coordinate, strengthen and evaluate the cancer system. Cancer Care Nova Scotia works with partners to bring about patient-centred changes to the cancer system. Its ultimate goal is to reduce the burden of cancer on individuals, families, communities and the health system. Cancer Care Nova Scotia receives strategic direction and advice from a voluntary Board of Directors.

Board members, appointed by the Minister of Health, are expected to participate in Board meetings held approximately six times per year. Board members receive no remuneration; however, expenses associated with attending meetings (ie: travel and accommodation) are reimbursed.

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No faith in Afghan clerics



Mona Eltahawy
Global View

When Taliban gunmen shot dead prominent women's rights activist Sitara Achakzai in Kandahar last Sunday, they had nothing to hide. It was broad daylight after all.

To further underline that bloody message of hatred for women, a Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility for the murder.

Clearly, misogyny has married impunity and the Taliban — ousted from power in 2001 — is, once more, terrorizing the women of its country.

Achakzai's assassination was but the latest in a series of murders targeted at women's rights activists. Under almost identical circumstances, Taliban gunmen in September killed the highest-ranking female police officer in Kandahar, Lt.-Col. Malalai Kakar.

Such murders are just the



A family picture of Sitara Achakzai with her niece, Maryam Maiwand, taken when she visited relatives in Toronto in 2008.

most visible signs of the violence meted out to the girls and women of Afghanistan. Just last month, the United Nations warned in its annual human rights report that Afghan women's rights were little better today than they were during the brutal reign of the ultra-conservative Taliban.

Girls as young as seven are targets of rape, while other females suffer "honour killings," early and forced marriages, sexual abuse and slavery, the UN report said.

Obviously, in the absence of rule of law everyone is vulnerable in Afghanistan. But girls and women are on the bottom of everyone's lists. President Hamid Karzai was forced to reconsider his signature on a law allowing marital rape after an international outcry earlier this month. Hardline clerics seem hell-bent on justifying the most heinous of acts in the name of Islam.

When the president is willing to sell women out and when those who claim to be the gatekeepers of

God give sanction to such selling out, it is not difficult to understand why the Taliban's hate for women gets a free ride.

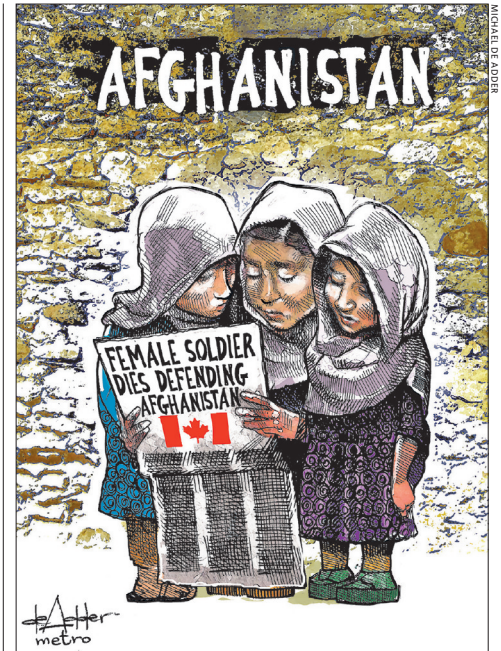
We hear a lot about the need to talk to the Taliban to end fighting in Afghanistan. Such a conversation must not happen at the expense of Afghan girls and women.

I am a Muslim woman who is fed up of those leaders and clerics who claim to speak in the name of my religion and yet who ignore its message of justice and equality. They are just as much to blame as the gunmen who shot Achakzai and Kakar.

Both women were Muslim and knew the violence had nothing to do with religion, but was just plain old misogyny. Kakar used to protect abused wives by physically beating their husbands.

As I say a prayer for Sitara and Malalai, I hope they've found peace in feminist heaven.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 30 years before moving to the U.S.



Worth Mentioning

U.S. takes first step on ending freeze of Cuba

POLITICS The United States is ready to talk to Cuba, their Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday as Caribbean leaders piled pressure on Washington to end its sanctions against the island.

A day before the start of a 34-nation Summit of the Americas that excludes Cuba, the issue of the hemisphere's only one-party communist state and U.S. hostility towards it was dominating diplomatic activity in the region.

U.S. President Barack Obama, who hopes to open up a new era of improved

co-operation with Latin America and the Caribbean at the three-day meeting in Trinidad and Tobago, earlier this week relaxed parts of the 47-year-old U.S. trade embargo on Cuba.

Clinton said she agreed with the emphasis on moving toward dialogue throughout the hemisphere. "We stand ready to discuss with Cuba additional steps that could be taken," she said.

But she made clear Washington was also waiting for Havana to make a contribution to an improvement of relations.

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Views

Beer is beer no matter where it's brewed

UrbanCompass

Paul McLeod

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When the news hit you could almost hear the drunk guy at the end of the bar cursing.

Predictably, the decision to brew Alexander Keith's beer in British Columbia is not going over well with some people. It's now the No. 1 specialty beer in Canada and the company has decided it doesn't make financial sense to ship it all from the East Coast.

So Keith's will now be brewed outside of Nova Scotia for the first time, with the B.C. brewery servicing west of Ontario.

The problem is that many Nova Scotians are astoundingly protective of the brand. One person I know in the Armed Forces even tattooed the Keith's logo on his arm to proudly display that he was Nova Scotian.

"Well that's just silly," said one friend when I told her of the B.C. expansion.

"It makes perfect sense, but it's supposed to be our beer!"

She added: "I love Keith's. It makes me feel more Nova Scotian. I know it's all marketing, but it totally works."

Setting aside the idea that

drinking beer somehow makes one more Nova Scotian (I actually don't dispute this), my friend is right on one thing — it's all marketing. Brilliant, brilliant marketing.

Despite all the talk of "brewing it his way," anyone in the industry can tell you there's no way today's Keith's tastes anything like it did in the 1800s.

I've talked to people who've told me about how the beer has changed flavours over the course of their lifetime, as breweries adapt to changing consumer tastes, brewing technology, etc.

And as a company, Keith's hasn't existed for a long time. Keith's strong link to

Nova Scotia has helped its success, but with success comes expansion. That's not necessarily a bad thing. The Guinness you get here isn't made in Ireland but we still think of it as Irish and order it on St. Patrick's Day. The link to Nova Scotia (aside from that most of it is still made here) is that it's marketed as Nova Scotian and people here love it. That's not going to change. So don't worry, your beloved Keith's is still the same beer. Though personally I don't see what all the fuss is about.

I drink Shirley Temples.

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Rogers opposes TV carriage fees

Rogers Communications Inc. has launched its latest salvo in the battle over television carriage fees, accusing conventional broadcasters of fear-mongering with their plans to shutter or sell some local stations. A proposal suggests charging cable and satellite companies a fee to carry the signals of over-the-air broadcasters. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Bankruptcies up 22%

NUMBERS Insolvencies nationwide took another big jump in February, according to figures released Thursday from the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada.

There were 9,495 personal and business bankruptcies across the country in February, up 13.1 per cent from the prior month, and a jump of 22.1 per cent from February 2008.

The vast majority — 9,020 of them — are consumer bankruptcies.

"Unfortunately it doesn't surprise me. With the state of the economy and so many people maxed out,

"With the state of the economy and so many people maxed out, they're right at their limit."

Sandra Sherk, Credit Counselling Service of Durham Region

they're right at their limit, they just have no leeway for any change," said Sandra Sherk, executive director of the Credit Counselling Service of Durham Region, a non-profit organization. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

More housing in reach

But jobs market, income may slow sales: RBC

Thanks largely to record-low interest rates, Canadian housing has become more affordable, though slowing income growth and a weak jobs market will act as a restraint, says a Royal Bank report.

The rise in housing affordability has reversed a four-year trend from 2004 to late 2007 that saw houses priced out of the reach of many first-time buyers, RBC says.

Lower mortgage rates means the RBC index fell to 51.3 in the fourth quarter of

Hope for spring

Affordability has been a big plus for the spring resale market. The Canadian Real Estate Board reported Thursday existing home sales in March were down 13.7 per cent from a year earlier, but the decline has slowed significantly.

2008 from 53.1 in the previous quarter.

The higher the index measure, the more difficult

it is to afford a house. A rating of 51.3 means it takes 51.3 per cent of pre-tax household income to afford a home.

Affordability will likely have improved in the first quarter of 2009 because interest rates and prices have fallen further. But a tough jobs market and slow income growth are strong mitigating factors.

More than 60,000 jobs were lost in March, bumping the national unemployment rate to eight per cent.

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The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Bacteria shut down bi-valve harvesting:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada issued an advisory this week that the harvesting of bi-valve molluscs, except scallops, for recreational or commercial purposes in Annapolis Basin is closed due to an increase in levels of bacterial contamination within the basin.

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Business in brief

PROTECTION AbitibiBowater Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection in the United States Thursday, as it failed to secure support for a proposed restructuring plan.

PANEL U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wants to create a special panel to investigate the causes of the Wall Street meltdown, a spokesman said Thursday. **REUTERS**

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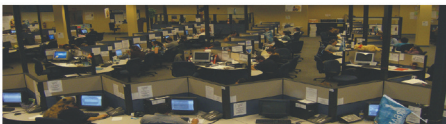
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Obama announces 'overdue' rail plan

President Barack Obama outlined his plan for developing "long overdue" high-speed rail in the U.S. on Thursday. **REUTERS**

Green power to challenge U.S. grid, watchdog says

ENERGY The push to add more renewable wind and solar megawatts to the U.S. electric mix will force changes in the way the power grid operates to keep electricity flowing reliably, said an industry watchdog Thursday.

Climate-change concerns have led more than half of U.S. states to mandate that a percentage of future electric supply come from less-polluting resources, such as wind and solar power that emit no greenhouse gas.

However, a report from the North American Elec-

"(Renewable power) has the potential to fundamentally change how the system is planned, operated and used."

Rick Sergel, NERC

tric Reliability Corp. issued Thursday points out that many types of renewable power are much different from power plants that burn coal or natural gas, plants that can be turned

off and on as needed to meet power demand.

That lack of control, or variability, creates thorny integration issues for operators of the bulk-power network — the large power lines that move electricity from plants to neighborhoods, NERC said.

The push for more renewable power, "has the potential to fundamentally change how the system is planned, operated and used — from the grid operator right down to the customer," said Rick Sergel, NERC president.

REUTERS

Business in brief

FORECAST The current global recession is likely to be unusually long and severe and the recovery sluggish because it sprang from a financial crisis, the International Monetary Fund said on Thursday. New IMF analysis shows recessions

tied to a financial crisis, like the current one that has its roots in reckless lending for the U.S. housing market, are more difficult to shake because they are often held back by weak demand.

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Verizon plans web app market for Hub

TECH The Verizon Hub, a new home phone with some web add-ons like weather and traffic reports, will soon come with an applications market, following a trend among cellphone makers such as Apple Inc.

Verizon Communications has been selling the Hub to its wireless customers since Feb. 1 as it looks for new ways to keep growing while U.S. consumers rapidly disconnect their traditional home phones to save money.

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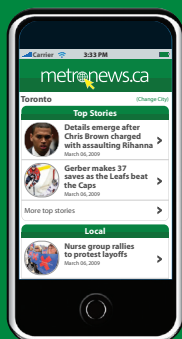
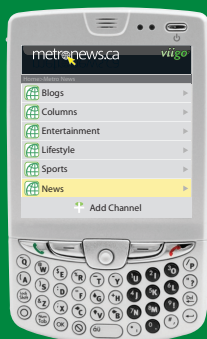
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Federer falls to partner

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Sports

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B's draw first blood

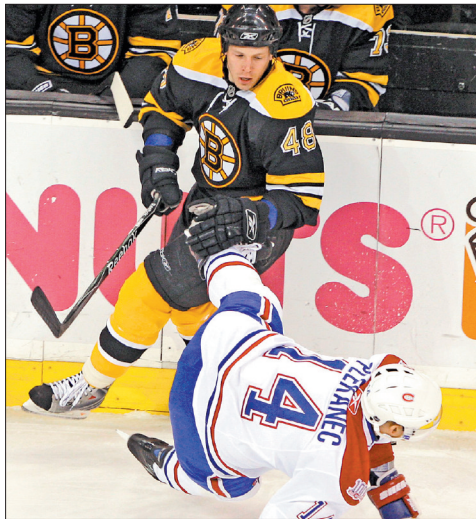
STANLEY CUP 2009 Playoffs

Phil Kessel registered two goals and helped set up another one, as the Boston Bruins doubled up the Montreal Canadiens, 4-2, in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal matchup at a boisterous TD Banknorth Garden.

With the score deadlocked at two, Montreal defenceman Josh Gorges committed an ill-timed cross-checking penalty just past the midway point of the third period.

The Bruins went to work on the power play and Chara's blast from the left point eluded Price with 8:45 remaining. Kessel's empty-net tally cemented the win with 13.4 seconds to go in regulation. Tempers boiled over at the end of the contest, with the players on the ice engaging in multiple shoving matches.

For recaps of the Flames/Blackhawks and Ducks/Sharks, visit metronews.ca



Bruins defenceman Matt Hunwick checks Montreal centre Tomas Plekanec Thursday night in Boston.

RED WINGS 4, BLUE JACKETS 1

Johan Franzen and Jiri Hudler posted a goal and an assist each, as the defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings notched a 4-1 win over Columbus in Game 1 of their best-of-seven Western Conference quarterfinal series at Joe Louis Arena.

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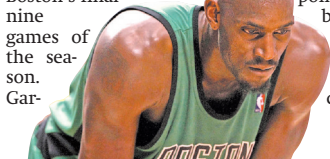
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Garnett out for the NBA playoffs?

Boston Celtics head coach Doc Rivers has said star forward Kevin Garnett might not be available for the entire playoffs.

The Boston Globe is reporting Garnett will definitely be out for the first round series against Chicago and most likely for the entire playoffs. According to the report, Garnett's knee is only about 70 percent healed, and surgery is an option.

The All-Star had missed a month of action due to a posterior muscle strain of his right knee, but he returned on March 20 and played the next four games. However, after playing at Orlando on March 25, he has sat out Boston's final nine games of the season.



net averaged 15.8 points and a team-best 8.5 rebounds in 57 games this season for the defending NBA champions.

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Sports in brief

NBA Boston Celtics president and general manager Danny Ainge suffered a minor heart attack earlier Thursday and was rushed to the hospital. The Celtics said Ainge, 50, is recovering nicely at Massachusetts General Hospital and that he is expected to remain in the hospital for a few days, most likely through Boston's playoff opener with Chicago Saturday.

NFL John Madden is retiring from the booth. The 73-year-old announcer, video game kingpin and former coach issued a statement Thursday saying it was his time to hang up the mic. "It's time," Madden said in a statement through NBC.

NHL Minnesota Wild majority owner Craig Leipold announced Thursday that the team will not renew the contract of president and general manager Doug Risebrough. Risebrough has been the only GM in the team's history, taking over the post in 1999. He helped lead the Wild to the Western Conference finals in 2003.

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Halifax's Darrell Young told the Saint John Telegraph Journal yesterday he won't apply for the Saint John Sea Dogs' head coach-GM job. The Vancouver Canucks scout is a former Moncton Wildcats director of hockey operations. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

'I need to win this fight'

Plenty on the line as Cole Harbour native makes UFC debut

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It's the ultimate opportunity for Cole Harbour's T.J. Grant, and the mixed martial artist doesn't want to waste it.

The 25-year-old makes his Ultimate Fighting Championship debut against Japan's Ryo Chonan on Saturday night at UFC 97: Redemption at the Bell Centre in Montreal.

"I was given a tough fight for my first fight," said Grant, a five-foot-10, 170-pound welterweight. "Chonan's got a lot of experience and a lot of credentials behind him. I feel like I need to win this fight and I feel like I will win this fight."

Grant, whose career started in 2006 with a win in the inaugural Extreme Cage Combat event in Hali-

fax, signed a four-fight contract with UFC in January. But the contract is no sure thing, and UFC can cut him loose after any loss.

The Bell Centre is sold out for the event, meaning more than 20,000 fans will be on hand for Grant's debut. Friday's weigh-in alone could attract as many as 8,000.

"It's just going to be ridiculous," said Grant, who is used to crowds of 5,000.

"There are going to

be 20,000 people there, screaming. I've got to be ready for the bright lights."

Grant has a 13-2 career record and vaulted onto the sport's biggest stage with victories over UFC veterans Chad Reiner and Forrest Petz in the past year. Chonan is 15-9 and has lost two out of three UFC appearances in the past 17 months.

Grant has 12 submission wins;

Chonan has five knockout wins.

"He's a striker, but he can grapple;

I'm a grappler, but I can strike," Grant said.

"I've got to fight the fight no matter where it's at. I feel like I have the skills to do that."

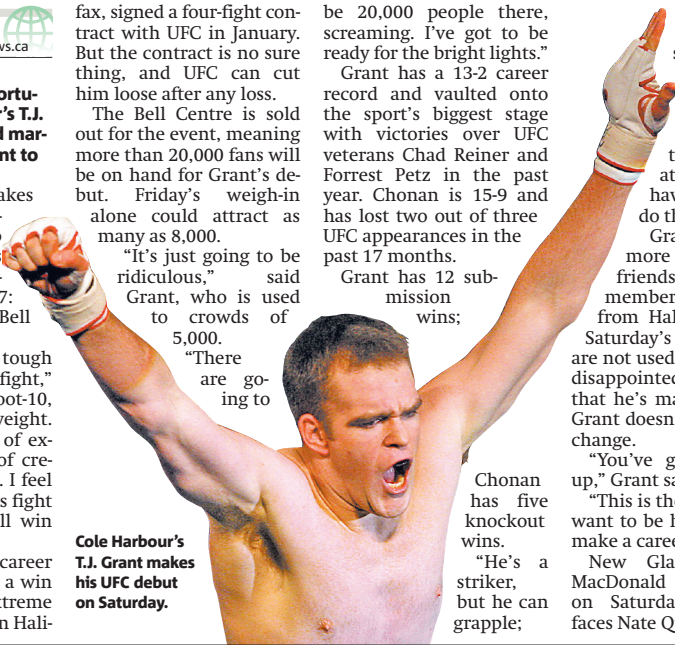
Grant said he has more than 100 friends and family members travelling from Halifax to watch Saturday's card. His fans are not used to going away disappointed, and now that he's made it this far, Grant doesn't want that to change.

"You've got to step it up," Grant said.

"This is the big leagues. I want to be here. I want to make a career of it."

New Glasgow's Jason MacDonald (22-11) is also on Saturday's card. He faces Nate Quarry (16-3).

Cole Harbour's T.J. Grant makes his UFC debut on Saturday.



Former Mooseheads playing in Q semifinals

QMJHL Former Halifax Mooseheads Logan MacMillan and Guillaume Monast resume their quest for a President's Cup this weekend as the QMJHL semifinals get underway.

MacMillan's Rimouski Oceanic — who are hosting the Memorial Cup in May — face the Drummondville Voltigeurs in one semifinal, while Monast's Quebec Remparts are up against the Shawinigan Cataractes in the

other.

MacMillan, a 19-year-old forward dealt to Rimouski in December, has three goals and an assist in nine games. Monast, a 20-year-old defenceman traded as

an offshoot of the Brad Marchand deal in the off-season, has nine points in 12 games.

The best-of-seven series get underway on Saturday.

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Guillaume Monast is playing for the Quebec Remparts.



Sports in brief

HOCKEY Brittany Haverstock of Hammonds Plains was one of 47 invited to the Canadian under-22 strength, conditioning and skating women's hockey camp starting April 30 in Calgary.

Haverstock, who won a silver medal with the under-22 team at the 2009 MLP Cup in Germany in January, is coming off an outstanding NCAA rookie season with the Wisconsin Badgers. The 18-year-old blue-liner had 17 points, was a plus-29 in 37 games and won a national championship. Jillian Saulnier, a forward from Halifax, was invited to the under-18 camp, which starts May 7.

QMJHL Matt Eagles will play

men's hockey for his father, Mike Eagles, with Atlantic University Sport's St. Thomas Tommies next season. Matt Eagles, the Moncton Wildcats' captain last season, will wear No. 36 for the Tommies, the same number his dad wore during his 16-year NHL career.

AWARD The Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance announced yesterday the International Ice Hockey Federation world championship has won the 2009 Prestige Award for sport event of the year. The world championship was held in Halifax and Quebec City last May. The award was presented at a luncheon in Gatineau, Que. **METRO HALIFAX**

New duties for Rainmen coach

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If Les Berry returns as head coach of the Halifax Rainmen next season, it will be in an increased capacity.

Rainmen owner Andre Levinston said Thursday that the team's head-coaching job will involve significantly heavier scouting and recruiting duties going forward.

Levinston handled those duties last season after Berry replaced Rick Lewis with nine games remaining. Berry called the job a perfect fit when he was hired because it didn't infringe on the time he spent with his

wife and young son.

"There's a lot more involved now," said Levinston.

"It's not just coming in and you already have a team in place and you coach it.

"It's a lot of travelling, evaluating players, and his family is definitely involved in the decision because they're going to see a lot less of him if he's the coach."

Berry, a Halifax native, posted a 6-3 record, but was unable to guide the gifted Rainmen to the playoffs.

Levinston said Berry is on vacation now, but he doesn't want the decision to drag too far into the summer.



Rainmen coach Les Berry will have significantly heavier scouting and recruiting duties if he returns next season.

"A lot of questions need to be answered," he said. "At the end of the day

we'll make a decision that's best for the organization, and he'll make a decision that's best for his family."

• The Premier Basketball League's scoring champion added second-team all-star accolades to his resumé yesterday. A.J. Millien, who played the final nine games of the season with the Rainmen, was one of 11 players honoured by the PBL. He averaged a league-best 24.7 points per game.

• Rainmen star Eric Crookshank and centre Tyrone McNeal are expected to spend the summer in Halifax. They'll run basketball camps as employees of the Rainmen.

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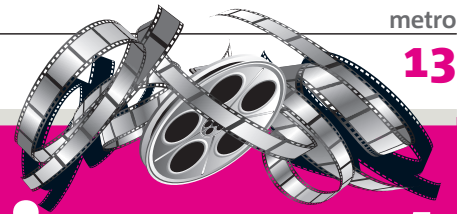
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Rachel McAdams stars in the journalism-based drama *State of Play* as an eager cub reporter. She stars alongside Russell Crowe, who plays a veteran journalist who takes McAdams' character under his wing as they uncover a political conspiracy.

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Russell Crowe, Rachel McAdams and Helen Mirren, left, star in *State of Play*.

Suspense name of game in Play

State of Play

Director: Kevin Macdonald

Stars: Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

If you want to make a suspenseful journalism-based drama wrapped in plenty of political intrigue, an ob-

vious place to start is with clever writing. That is just what director Kevin Macdonald did with his new thriller *State of Play*.

In his fictional follow-up to *The Last King of Scotland*, Macdonald perfectly casts Russell Crowe as Cal McCaffrey, a shaggy, junk food-devouring journalist who slowly connects the dots to a series of seemingly unrelated events — including the mysterious death of the mistress of a

On the web

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former-college roommate/now-star congressman (Ben Affleck).

Taking an eager cub reporter (Rachel McAdams) under his wing, McCaffrey slowly uncovers a conspiracy that begins with a pair of senseless junkie-thieves but ends up involving a huge Blackwater-like corporation dealing in wartime defence contracts.

Yes, there's much in the middle but who am I to spoil the plot for you?

Following in the footsteps of fact-based dramas like *All the President's Men*, *Play* is full of labyrinthine complications that have great potential to lose audiences.

Instead, Macdonald keeps the pace quick and the characters broad enough to make the thriller accessibly appealing. It doesn't hurt that he also hired a terrific supporting cast that notably includes Jason Bateman as a grizzled pansexual publicist.

However the real key to this film's success was nabbing such acclaimed scribes as Tony Gilroy (*Duplicity*) and Billy Ray (Breach) to compact the successful BBC six-hour mini-series into a gripping two-hour popcorn flick. Trust me, that job couldn't have been easy to do.

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More details of the New Moon cast have been announced, with Graham Greene, Jamie Campbell Bower, Canadian supermodel Noot Sear, Daniel Cudmore, and Into the West's Tinsel Korey also added to the film. EONLINE.COM

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Efron comes of age in 17

17 Again

Director: Burr Steers

Stars: Zac Efron, Matthew Perry

Classification: PG

Rating: ★★★★★

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News



In his first major starring role outside the High School Musical franchise, Zac Efron is looking to prove that he's more than just a pretty face, that he can carry a movie.

And he very well might be able to, if the movie in question didn't spend so much time trying to make that point. There's a certain "Hey look, he's doing it!" aspect to 17 Again that can get in the way of the movie itself.

Taking a page more from It's a Wonderful Life than Vice Versa, 17 Again follows Mike O'Donnell (played as an adult by Matthew Perry), who tossed away a chance at college basketball glory to



Zac Efron, left, undertakes his first major role outside of the High School Musical franchise in 17 Again.

be with his knocked-up high school girlfriend. To Mike, it's been downhill since then, and he'd give anything to do it all over again.

That's when, through a bit of hocus pocus, Mike is transformed back to his 17-year-old self (Efron), only it's still present day, so suddenly he's going to high school with his teen kids.

To add a boost of comic support, Efron has as a sidekick Thomas Lennon, from MTV's cult classic The State and more recently Reno 911. As Mike's nerdy and now-rich lifelong friend, Lennon displays his usual knack for mixing sweet and creepy to hilarious effect. And his courtship of the school's

principal (Melora Hardin of The Office) steals some of the movie's biggest laughs.

It's an enjoyable comedy, with a cute and touching story to tell, but it tends to stumble over the effort put into trying to sell us on Zac Efron, Leading Man. From the looks of it, Efron doesn't need the help, anyway.

Downey Jr. in columnist's skin

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FEATURE Although he's spent years as a columnist for the Los Angeles Times and he turned his experiences with a homeless, mentally ill Juilliard dropout into a bestselling book, Steve Lopez isn't used to being the focus of attention.

So imagine how uncomfortable he found it to have a celebrated Hollywood actor asking to rifle through his closet.

But that's just the situation he found himself in, as Robert Downey Jr., cast to play him in the film adaptation of his book The Soloist, was looking for some way to connect to Lopez as a character.

"He said, 'I need some piece of you. Can I go through your closet?'" Lopez remembers.

"He said it so many times, I started to be a little concerned with what he was really up to."

When asked about the odd request, Downey demurs. "You're supposing that he let me into his closet," the actor says. "He never even dignified it with a response."

In fact, according to Downey, Lopez spurned all attempts at close study.

"He wanted to tell me that to impersonate him would be to do a disservice to the movie," Downey says.

Lopez is more than satisfied with the results. "I didn't want him to feel obligated to try and represent me, necessarily," Lopez says.

"But each time I see the movie, I see some new way in which he's captured some little nuance. Each time I see it, I appreciate the depth of his performance all the more."

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Green Lantern going down under

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Starring Mother Earth

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The BBC series *Planet Earth* is one of the most remarkable pieces of documentary filmmaking ever produced. Working with groundbreaking high definition cameras and a massive worldwide crew, the series captured remarkable images of nature that have been thrilling audiences since it premiered in 2006.

The breathtaking images worked fine on TV, but occasionally the show felt so large in scale that it demanded a larger canvas. Fortunately, *Planet Earth* co-directors Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield felt the same way and simultaneously shot a feature film entitled *Earth* for Disney, while they were filming the series for the BBC.

"The two projects were commissioned simultane-



Earth — opening Wednesday — is directed by Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield, the same filmmakers who helmed the much acclaimed BBC documentary series *Planet Earth*.

ously, so we literally began both at exactly the same time," says co-director Alastair Fothergill. "To make a movie on the scale of *Earth* with all the locations and all the difficult behaviour, the budget would have been astronomical.

"So by working the two budgets in parallel, both projects benefited a great deal. We think that they're wonderful companion pieces partly because the

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big screen and the surround sound offers an experience so much richer than what you'd get on even a high definition television."

Linfield also felt that there were benefits to gearing *Earth* towards the

big screen that just couldn't be achieved in the BBC series.

"The great thing about a movie is that you've got 85 minutes of people's uninterrupted attention and that allows you to design a very different storyline. We crafted a storyline for the film with three main characters (polar bears, elephants, and humpback whales), whereas the television series was habitat based.

The scale of the project was gigantic — over three years and 2,000 days of filming — but the message is surprisingly intimate, highlighting the natural beauty and tight-knit relationships that connect all species on the planet.

As Linfield puts it, "Amongst all the bad news we really hope that people will feel that *Earth* is a celebration of our planet and visual evidence of the fact that there's still plenty left to fight for."

Larter plays Obsessed

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



FEATURE Ali Larter may act deluded in her latest thriller *Obsessed* but she has no delusions about society's obsession with celebrity.

"It's part of what comes in our business," admitted the actress recently. "The hardest part for most actors is having to deal with the paparazzi and kind of how fans can sometimes take a moment too far.

"But the other end of it is that we've chosen these careers and when you put yourself in the public eye, there's a certain amount of responsibility that comes with it."

While the 33-year-old star of TV's *Heroes* has mostly avoided the tabloid trappings of many other young actresses, Larter still dislikes the paparazzi — but for a reason you might not expect.

"Just always having to be on is, for me, the most difficult part," admitted Larter.

"I don't want to have to get ready before I leave my house ... who wants to worry about that when they go to the grocery store? I just want to go peruse heirloom tomatoes and not worry about a paparazzi jumping out from the bananas."

While *Obsessed* (in theatres next Friday) may not directly deal with celebrity stalking, it does take a look at one woman's crazed obsession with a married man (Idris Elba) and how she sets out to sabotage his marriage to a less-than-complacent wife (Beyoncé Knowles).

For those who watch the film, it means catching a predicament most paparazzi would kill to witness in person — an all-out catfight between Larter and Knowles.

"She's stunningly beautiful," said Larter of the pop star.

"One of my favorite moments is having Beyoncé charge at me. How many people get to have that happen in their life?"

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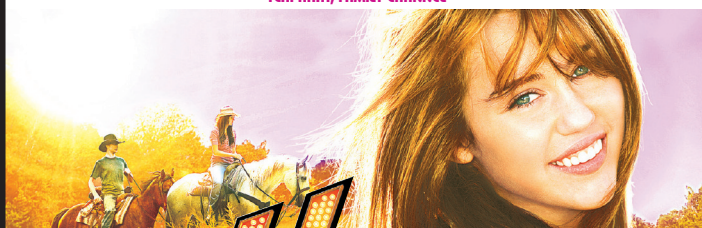
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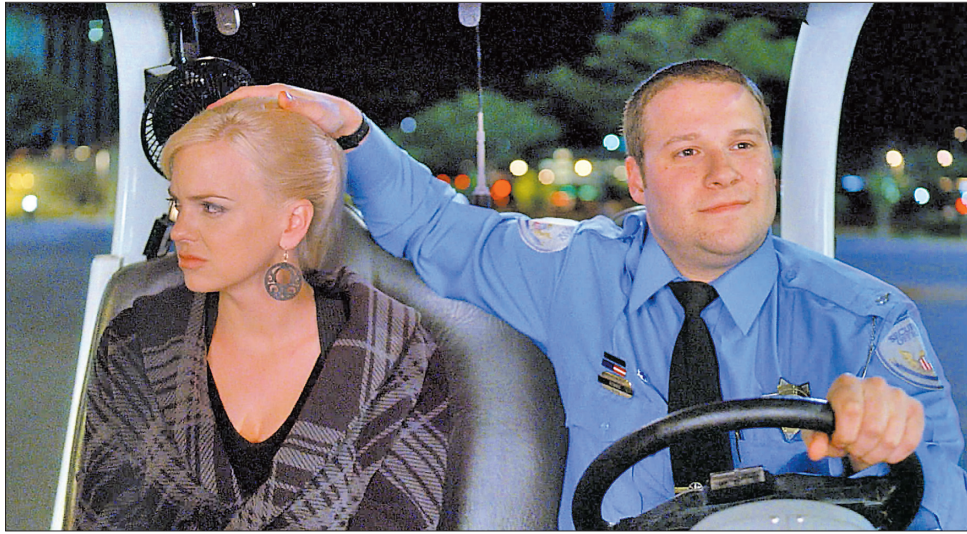
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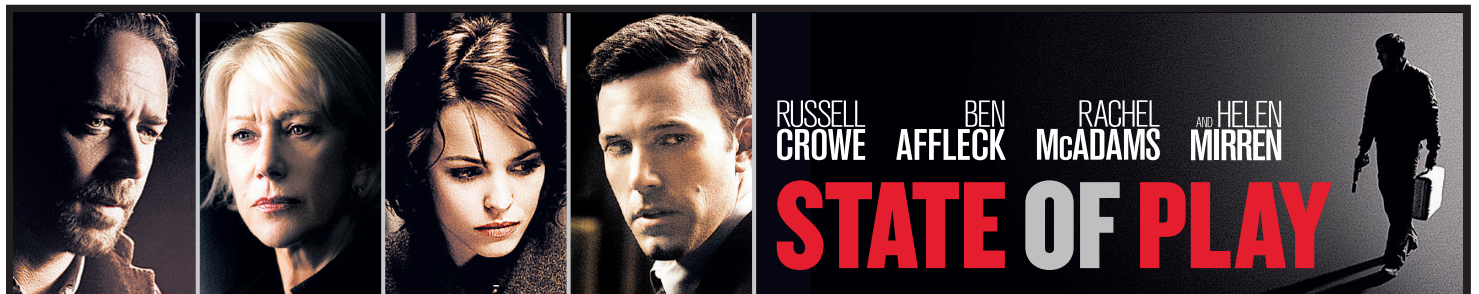
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Music

k-os back to basics

Hip-hop artist crafts fresh beats for latest album Yes!

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada



k-os has taken a step back to the basics on his fourth album Yes!

While his last release, Atlantis: Hymns For Disco, found the hip-hop artist navigating the waters of soul, rock and folk, the new disc is characterized by thoughtful yet lighthearted rhymes underscored by warm melodies — something closer to the feel of his second album, Joyful Rebellion.

Speaking at the Second Cup across from MuchMusic on Toronto's Queen Street West, k-os says the return to form came from being in transition. Finding himself between labels (he jumped from EMI to Universal) and cities (living between Toronto and Vancouver), he got back into the simple and comforting craft of making beats.

"I often do that when I'm trying to figure stuff out," he says. "And that was the whole thing that sparked the album's sound, just the fun-ness of getting on my drum machines that were collecting dust."

There's a refreshingly playful atmosphere running through Yes! Case in point, the track I Wish I Knew Natalie Portman,

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k-os

which features Nelly Furtado and Saukrates, singing and rhyming over the indelible piano line from the track California by Phantom Planet, which is best known as the theme song for the popular TV series The O.C. He first heard the Rich Kidd-produced beat at Saukrates's studio a couple years ago and decided he had to use it.

"I was like 'dude, you gotta let me rap on this,'" k-os says. He knew it'd be a hit while DJing. "I did a party at Whistler one time where I ran it and the crowd just got right into it, like right away."

While Portman isn't mentioned in the song, the actress is symbolic to k-os.

While he loves the acknowledgement and attention he receives in this country, "I think part of my soul wants to soar outside of Canada, and Natalie Portman and California represents going west. 'Go west, young man.' Or go south, in this case."

"When I see her work, she's amazing. But the ref-



Yes! is the fourth album from Canadian hip-hop artist k-os.

erence is more about wanting to step out of the bubble and get into new realities, which is what I'm about."

As longtime followers know, k-os stands for knowledge of self and Yes! does feature a healthy dose of introspection typical of his previous work. The self-reflection comes to a peak on the song Burning Bridges, which he insists is more about redefining himself than cutting people from out of his world.

"There's a lyric on that song that goes, 'That's why I'm back in the building, to

k-os in Halifax

- k-os plays the Cunard Centre in Halifax on May 16.

burn the flame of the fame I was building.' I think every record is an opportunity to re-establish your persona," he says.

"Sometimes I'll see some of the things that I bought in the past, or the clothes in my closet and think, who is that guy? I start to see that I'm separating myself from the person that I was."

Music fans push for record store revival

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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In the olden days before iTunes, Napster and MP3s, there was something called the "record store."

It worked like this: You saved up your money, went to the store (during business hours, of course), scoured the shelving in hopes of finding something that you wanted, waited in line at the counter and then gave a clerk money in exchange for the pieces of plastic in your arms. You then returned home and decrypted what was on those pieces of plastic using strange mechanical equipment, some of which involved dragging a really hard rock through the grooves etched in the more ancient forms of these plastic discs.

Record stores were places where you met other music fans. You learned from their choices and from their opinions. And if you were lucky, you had a guy behind the counter who could tell you on what to buy and what to avoid.

A trip to the record store was an adrenalin rush. First, there was the anticipation of what cool thing

you might find this week. Second, you had to get past the clerk who vetted your selections, whether you wanted this particular service or not. He'd flip through your potential purchases, assessing each record: "Crap. Crap. Crap. This one's not bad. Crap. Nice one. Crap." Then he'd look at you: "Still want all these?"

All that seems like such a long time ago. There's an entire generation of music fans who have quite literally never set foot in a record store unless it was by accident. The whole experience of record shopping seems primitive and wholly unnecessary.

I like convenience, choice and gadget as much as the next person, but I still enjoy the record store experience. And tomorrow, it's hoped that many millions of people will participate in Record Store Day, an annual international event started in 2007 designed to remind people about the place the record store has in the community.

Here's what you should do. First, check out recordstoreday.com/canada to find the participating stores closest to you. Second, read Nick Hornby's High Fidelity tonight. Third, go hang out in the store for a couple of hours. You'll be glad you did.

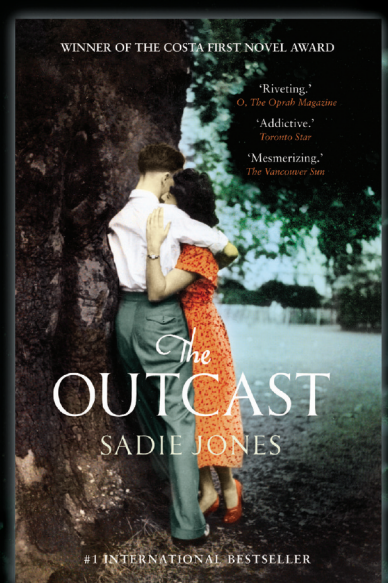
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Music

Melissa McClelland finds retro-roots voice

Singer-songwriter absorbed sound while living in Nashville

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Melissa McClelland has always been open to new styles of music. What she needed was a focus. She found it through a few months in Nashville and a new home in Hamilton.

Over the years, the Burlington, Ont., raised singer-songwriter has backed up pop mega-star Sarah McLachlan, sang for flamenco guitarist Jesse Cook, crooned with Vancouver rocker Matthew Good, collaborated with alt-country veterans Blue Rodeo and worked daytime TV with 10-year-old star Daniel Cook.

Her debut solo album, *Stranded in Suburbia* (2004), was aimed at the pop charts and got plenty of air time on stations like Mix and CHUM FM. Her second album, *Thumbellina's One Night Stand*, (2006) was more of a collage, featuring pop, country, folk and cabaret.

"I was so happy with the way the last album turned out, but it was a transition record," McClelland says. "I was trying to find out where I was going with my songwriting. I was trying out the whole roots thing and it was feeling really good but it hadn't really taken shape yet."

On her new CD, *Victoria Day*, that focus takes shape in a retro-roots way. Although the 12 tracks on the album are all originals, they have a distinctive sound that resides in the late '50s torch songs of Patsy Cline and Peggy Lee.

McClelland says she absorbed the country roots sound while living in Nashville with her husband/producer Luke Doucet for a few months in 2006.

The key tracks on the CD, however, focus on Mc-



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Clelland's return home from her brief flirtation with Music City. The couple started off living in an apartment in Toronto and then purchased a house in Hamilton. The two-part title track, *Victoria Day*, fol-

lows the move lyrically, starting off where "the devil lives in Christie Pits" and moving to "Steel-town" and "a big old house with too many floors and ghosts for every story we've never told."

The move started out bumpy in the early spring of last year, but was pretty much finished by *Victoria Day*. Hence the title.

"We moved into a beautiful old house that came with its own set of issues," McClelland says. "There were bats and squirrels living there. The walls were crumbling and everything was falling apart. We put a tremendous amount of work into it. But it's all good now."

Levon Helm going Electric

RECORDING After nabbing a Grammy for his rustic album *Dirt Farmer*, drummer/vocalist Levon Helm will return June 30 with *Electric Dirt*.

The 11-song set will be released on Helm's own *Dirt*

Farmer Music, in conjunction with Vanguard.

On *Dirt Farmer*, Helm explored the roots of classic Americana and folk. *Electric Dirt* promises to continue in that tradition.

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Television

Collins looks for success in reality show

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Former Toronto actress/radio host/comic Carla Collins says the decision to leave Canada for Hollywood was easy. It was in every newspaper.

"The word omnipresent and ubiquitous was in front of my name in a thousand newspaper articles," remembered Collins in an interview at Toronto's new burlesque club Jezebels.

"The ubiquitous Carla Collins' it said. It was like they were tired of me. So sometimes it's good to go away. Though I hope they call me that in the states. That'd be wonderful."

It hasn't happened yet, though not for lack of trying. As the new series Carlawood (Starting Sunday on TVTropolis) makes it clear — don't get in Collins' way. She's one ambitious gal.

Based out of a small apartment in Malibu, Carlawood follows Collins as she attempts to make her mark in the competitive world of acting and comedy.

"I tend to screw up my life whenever I'm comfortable," she says. "I wanted to challenge myself. Play with the bigger, better tennis players. I love the adventure of it all."

As a show, Carlawood has the trappings of your usual reality show as Carla's pursuit of success leads to odd situations and odder Hollywood characters. Still, it's more documentary in tone; a bit more grounded in real life.

"It's not a train wreck show. I think it's relatable to people. You can't set stuff up. Folks are way too sophisticated for that."

"I wanted to challenge myself ... I love the adventure of it all."

Carla Collins

Joining Carla on camera is her husband/actor Tyrone Power Jr., son of the Hollywood icon (Blood and Sand, Nightmare Alley). He remembers his first meeting with Carla as a tense experience.

"We had a mutual friend who said 'You have to come and see this one-woman comedy show,'"

Debut nears

Carlawood premieres Sunday at 9 p.m. (ET/PT) on TVTropolis.

recalls Power.

"And I said don't make me go. If it's awful, there's only one woman in the cast and I have to meet her after the show. But 30 seconds in, I knew she

was great. Funny, charming, intelligent and gorgeous."

As for her career beyond this show, Carla is busy. She's done a couple of TV pilots and has a feature in development.

"They have preconceived notions in L.A. You like to categorize you. But once they start getting you and get who you are, then you start getting the calls."



Carla Collins

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	9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Spectacle: Elivs	Two/Half Men	Ghost Whisperer	Flashpoint (HDTV)		News
	36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	NBC News	Two/Half Men	Prison Break (HDTV)	Prison Break (HDTV)		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Howie Do It	Howie Do It		Dateline NBC (N)
	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	World Cup of Poker		WWE SmackDown!			Score Tonight
	53	53	53	TSN	Hockey: IHLF World U-18 Champ.	Semifinal	NHL Hockey: East Quarterfinal -- Hurricanes at Devils					SportsCentre
spots	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)			CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN	News (N)		Blessings	Fish Out	Rabbit Fall	Cashing In		Big Spender (2003, Drama) Casper Van Dien.
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Kyle Riabko: The Lead	Bravo: Fact	Bravo: Fact	Books-Film		Cheaper by the Dozen (2003, Comedy)
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Good Morning	Corner Gas	22 Minutes		The Simpsons
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzler		Don Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias	Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Day Planet (N)		Hel-Loggers (N)	Man vs. Wild "Jungle"		Forensic
	34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	Property	House	Ext Living	Location, Loc.	House
	46	46	46	HIST	Legends	Legends	NCIS "Leap of Faith"		Jurassic Fight Club	Legends		Ice Road Truck
	17	17	17	MM	Daddy's Girls	Daddy's Girls	The O.C.		Hooking Up	Born to Be		The Matrix (1999, Science Fiction)
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:45) The Pathfinder ** (1996)				Avenging Warriors	(1990, Drama)		Training Day (2001, Crime Drama)
	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Durham County			Testees
	40	40	40	SLICE	The Mom Show		Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part		Webstreams
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear			Til Debt-Part
	22	22	22	W	Style by JURY	Style by JURY	Will & Grace	Friends	The Closer (Part 1 of 2)			Dress
	27	27	27	YTV	iCarly	Family Biz (N)	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 ** (2005, Comedy)					Prank Patrol

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime time 4/18/09	31	31	31	ABC News	ABC News	Legend of the Seeker		Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone *** (2001, Fantasy)				
	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	The Stork Derby (2002, Docudrama)		Megan Follows.		Comedy Now (DVS)		Watch Movie
	11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Marketplace	HNIC -- Hockey Tonight	NHL Hockey: East Quarterfinal -- Canadiens at Bruins				
	32	32	32	CBS	News	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight	CSI: NY (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hr. Mystery
	6	6	6	CHIF	ET Canada	Masterminds	National Spelling Bee Finals	Doc		Doc "Donny's Millions"		News
	9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE		Law & Order (HDTV)	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball	Two/Half Men	Seinfeld	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Subway Fresh Fit 500 (HDTV) (Live)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order
	12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)	Kings "Judgment Day"		MMA Show		Strikeforce
	55	55	55	SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	World Poker Crown	BodogFight		MMA Show		Strikeforce
	53	53	53	TSN	NHL Hockey: West Quarterfinal -- Blue Jackets at Red Wings					NHL Hockey: Conf. Quarterfinal		
spots	16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)			CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN	Cooking	MYTV	Arbor Live	The Mix (N)	Living, Dream	Arizona Dream ** (1992, Comedy-Drama)		Sweet and Lowdown *** (1999)
	37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	BravoVideos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	Spectacle: Elivs		Corner Gas		The Simpsons
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Its a Gas		Corner Gas		Jo Koy: Angry
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzler		Newsroom	Addiction: Life on the Edge		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Cash Cab	The Detonators		Destroyed		Time Warp
	34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist	Sarah Connor	HGTV's Top	Million Dollar Listing		Makeover
	46	46	46	HIST	Doomed-Karluk		NCIS "Sharif Returns"	Crime Stories		The Siege ** (1998, Action)		Hooking Up
	17	17	17	MM	Gossip Girl		The Matrix *** (1999, Science Fiction)			Gossip Girl		Hooking Up
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:40) Thirteen Ghosts *		Mutant X "Blood Ties"			Being John Malkovich (1999, Comedy)		
	39	39	39	SHOW	Mission	Trailer Park	The House Next Door (2006, Suspense)			Project Runway Canada		Matchmaker
	40	40	40	SLICE	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Real Housewives OC			48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours
	21	21	21	TLC	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		48 Hours: Hard Evidence			48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours
	22	22	22	W	Hwd 10 Best	What Women Want ** (2000, Romance-Comedy)	Mel Gibson.			What a Girl Wants (2003, Comedy-Drama)		
	27	27	27	YTV	Kat vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Great Outdoors ** (1988, Comedy), John Candy			Naruto

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prime time 4/19/09	31	31	31	ABC News	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
	7	7	7	ASN	Greek	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case		Medium
	11	11	11	CBC	Jeopardy!	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey: Western Conference Quarterfinal Game 3 -- Canucks at Blues			CBC News		NHL Hockey
	32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News	60 Minutes	The Amazing Race 14		The Courageous Heart of Irena Sender		
	6	6	6	CHIF	16:9 Picture	Bob & Doug	Brothers & Sisters (N)	The Simpsons	Sit Down	Family Guy	American Dad	News
	9	9	9	CJCH	Star Wars Clo.	Big Bang Th	The Mentalist (HDTV)	The Simpsons	Sit Down	Family Guy	American Dad	News
	36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Revenge"		American Dad	King of Hill		Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Miss USA 2009 Contestants compete. (Live)	The Simpsons	Sit Down	The Celebrity Apprentice (N)		Strikeforce
	55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Facts-Fishing	The WWE Experience	BodogFight		Strikeforce		Poker
	53	53	53	TSN	IndyCar	SportsCentre	That's Hockey	NHL Hockey: East Quarterfinal -- Devils at Hurricanes				SportsCentre
spots	16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)			The Sopranos
	70	70	70	APTN	Great Towns	MYTV	The Mix	Living, Dream	Arbor Live	Another Country (2003, Drama), Tina Keeper.		Meet the Fockers ** (2004, Comedy)
	37	37	37	BRVO	Spectacle: Elivs		Arts & Minds	Bravo: Fact	Art of Observation Ted Grant		The Simpsons	Comedy Now
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs		Laughs	Rick Mercer		Newsroom
	18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom		Newsroom	Addiction: Life on the Edge		Larry King Live		MythBusters
	38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters	Deadliest Catch: Best of Season 4 (N)		My First Billion		Buy Me
	34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes in New Orleans		House			Extreme Makeover: Home		Hide Potential
	46	46	46	HIST	(6) Nostradamus: 2012 (N)		Life After People (N)			Deep Impact ** (1998, Drama)		CollegeHeim
	17	17	17	MM	Daddy's Girls	Hooking Up	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila	Paris Hilton's British Friend		CollegeHeim		Dogg After
	206	206	206	PIX	Clear and Present Danger		The Devil's Own *** (1997, Suspense), Brad Pitt			Barfly *** (1987, Comedy-Drama)		Video on Trial
	39	39	39	SHOW	Ocean's 11	Trailer Park	The Guard "Wake"		Lost in the Dark (2007, Suspense)	Mae Whitman.		Rescue Me
	40	40	40	SLICE	Last 10	Last 10	End of Leash	End of Leash	Tori & Dean	Real Housewives NYC		Style-Famous
	21	21	21	TLC	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8 Go Green!		Cake Boss (N)
	22	22	22	W	Hwd 10 Best	Hwd 10 Best	Grocery Bag	Style by JURY	A Job to Kill For (2006, Suspense)	Sean Young.		Chasing Cain
	27	27	27	YTV	Chestnut: Hero of Central Park (2006, Comedy)	Makenzie Vega.			Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline

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Ben Mulroney, left, is adding radio airwaves to his repertoire as host of ETALK 20, a weekly two-hour radio show launching this weekend that counts down the hottest chart-topping tunes in Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Getting safe sex message out there

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

"When I got the numbers — 3,000 young people under 25 being affected daily — I would never have thought that would be the statistic," says Solange Knowles about HIV/AIDS-related unprotected sex.

The young singer/songwriter helped to kick off the global Yes, Yes, Yes to Safe Sex event for MTV and The Body Shop in New York City on Tuesday.

"Initially I thought this was a really heavy, scary topic, but it must be talked about ... There are so many campaigns that preach wrap-it-up, wrap-it-up, condom, condom, condom, but the numbers aren't going down — they're rising. Collectively, we have to figure out a way to make this less uncomfortable to talk about, to state the facts and bring awareness so that young people can react."



Singer Solange Knowles attends The Body Shop and MTV Networks' Say Yes, Yes, Yes to Safe Sex event at Meet at the Apartment on Tuesday in New York City.

MTV and The Body Shop are doing their part with campaigns to benefit MTV's Staying Alive Foundation, which works to empower the 18 to 25 set when it comes to the safe-

ty-first sex issue. With each \$8 purchase of The Body Shop's Tantalizing Lip Butter, \$5 goes toward the foundation (staying-alive.org) to help create HIV-prevention programs.

Knowles, 22, firmly maintains that advocating abstinence isn't enough.

"My parents did a really great job at giving us what I call 'the real deal holy field' so that we could be in

the position to make decisions on our own," she says in an interview with Metro. Knowles added that she was about 13 when she first learned about safe sex.

For her, education and being armed with all the facts about risks and consequences is key. "The reality is that young people are having sex," she insists. And getting a no-sex-before-marriage message

from one side, and uninformed input from a young peer group on the other side can result in confusion.

On the subject of being a role model for today's young people, Knowles is quick to credit her mother as a positive influence in her life and to say she had great role models, but that no matter how many resources there are, ultimately people have to

make their own choices.

"Obviously, me having a child at 18 may not be someone's perception of a role model, and some people could quickly say where was your mother," she admits. "But it's decision-making you have to live with, that you have to

be happy with. No matter how many people you have telling you what to do, it's a personal thing. You need to have the facts and education to make an educated decision."

Knowles is planning to hit schools to talk about safe sex, and hopes to help young people celebrate diversity as a foundation for personal strength.

For herself, Knowles is continuing to develop herself as an artist, focussing on her music. She's heading back into the studio this summer.

"We have to figure out a way to make this less uncomfortable to talk about."

Solange Knowles

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American Idol's Fantasia gets her own reality show

Fantasia Barrino, left, must have loved being on reality TV. The former American Idol star will be back in the game come early 2010 — starring in a new unscripted series on VH1. **PEOPLE.COM**

**Going Out****Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Portuguese water dogs**

PET Yes, they can — make great pets, that is. Ever since Portie pup Bo was adopted by the Obama family, the demand for the lovable breed has gone up. The Star-Ledger recently reported that New Jersey breeders are fielding more calls about the dog. Many animal lovers are also worried that the craze might give way to unethical breeding practices

**2 Susan Boyle**

PERSON She came, she sang, she conquered. The unassuming 47-year-old from Scotland brought the snickering audience and judges to her feet last week after her breathtaking performance of I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent. The clip has since gone viral and is on its way to becoming one of the defining TV moments of this year, if not the decade.

**3 Carlawood**

SHOW This reality show to end all reality shows — actually, just mock them — features Canadian funny woman Carla Collins, who was a ubiquitous name in the '90s and early 2000s for her stint with Entertainment Tonight and her roles in Paradise Falls and Sonic Temple. The series begins Sunday on TVTropolis at 9 p.m. ET.

4 The '80s

MUSIC Music from the Reagan era has been bubbling under for a while, thanks to recent indie bands such as M83 and Cut Copy, but nothing heralds a comeback like fresh material from the original heroes. Next week, electro-disco era superstars Depeche Mode and Pet Shop Boys will be releasing new albums, *Sounds of the Universe* and *Yes* respectively. The Flock of Seagull haircut can't be far behind.

5 Frost/Nixon

DVD Arguably the most underrated of all major 2009 Oscar nominees, this film adaptation of Peter Morgan's hit play is both entertaining and illuminating. In fact, director Ron Howard makes the infamous 1977 interview between British host David Frost and former U.S. president Richard Nixon a tense, terse cat-and-mouse game that will pin you to your seat. Frank Langella as Nixon is priceless.

**6 Cops on Twitter**

TREND For many police departments across North America, it takes just 140 characters to uphold the law these days. While some are using the popular microblog to alert people to traffic disruptions, others are using it to explain why police are in a certain neighbourhood or to offer crime prevention tips.

7 Earth Day

CAUSE This eco-friendly event may not have the dramatic heft of Earth Hour (lights out across the world for 60 minutes in the evening) but April 22 is a good reminder of our environmental responsibilities, especially in a tough economy where green thinking can easily fall off the radar.

Mix of Six**Rawlins Cross**

When: Saturday, 8 a.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

The Newfoundland Celtic rockers have reunited and are playing in Halifax for what should be a very fun show. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of the show.

Symphony Nova Scotia

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

Multi-instrumentalists Scott Macmillan and Ray Legere, along with Acadian crooner Paul Hébert, join orchestra to salute the rich and original music of bluegrass.

Model Makers' Showcase

When: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

A two-day exhibition of ship models from all across Nova Scotia takes place with professionals who build these creations. Free model-making workshop will be available for kids.

High School Musical

When: Friday through May 31
Where: Neptune Theatre
Get your poms, poms out as Disney's singing and dancing superhit hits the city for its much-anticipated run for six weeks. For more information visit neptunetheatre.com.

Halifax Comedy Festival

When: Monday through next Saturday
Where: Venues throughout Halifax

The 14th annual event features Canadian and international talent, including Michael Winslow of Police Academy fame, Eddie Brill of the Late Show With David Letterman and Sean Cullen.

Salsa Celebration

When: Saturday, 7 to 11:30 p.m.
Where: Great Room, Dalhousie University

It's an evening of salsa dancing and lessons to support The Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life. Tickets are available at the door or in advance. Phone 454-2103 for more information.

Octomom wants 18-year doc deal

TELEVISION The mother of newborn octuplets says she will do a documentary series following her babies until they are 18 years old, but the production company says it is still in "exclusive negotiations" for the deal.

Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to six boys and two girls in Los Angeles on Jan. 26, said she would allow a television crew to film her family six times a year. The babies are only the second known set of octuplets born alive in the United States.

"It is official. I'm going to be doing a show, but it's not a reality show," Suleman told Life & Style magazine, adding that the series would be made by the British arm of independent production company Eyeworks.

"What I'm doing with this TV show is basically creating documentaries about the lives of my children. It's going to be an ongoing thing, and it will follow them from now until they are 18," she said.

Suleman said the show would be aired in Britain and then possibly the United States.

But Eyeworks chief executive officer Reinout Oer-



Nadya Suleman, left, seen here during an interview with NBC's Ann Curry, plans to have a documentary crew follow her and her octuplets until they turn 18 years old.

lemans said in a statement Wednesday that the company was still in "exclusive negotiations" with Suleman for "an unscripted format following the life of Nadya and her children."

"Nadya's story is a very unique and exciting one that needs to be told in the right manner," Oerlemans said. "We are confident that we are the right party to tell their story around

the world."

Suleman became a lightning rod for public ridicule after it was learned that she was a divorced, jobless mother of six living with her parents on government assistance when she became pregnant with octuplets through in vitro fertilization.

Suleman — nicknamed "Octomom" in the U.S. media — has since moved

into a new home with her children and the last of the octuplets was released from the hospital this week.

The Smoking Gun website, reported Wednesday that Suleman has applied to trademark the name "Octomom." It posted online an application said to be made by Suleman to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Novel takes on the glitz of Cannes

BOOK Bestselling author Paulo Coelho says important values have been lost in the frenzied pursuit of fame, and he turns a critical eye on celebrity in a new novel set amid the glitz and glamour of the Cannes Film Festival.

The Winner Stands Alone follows serial killer and wealthy Russian entrepreneur Igor as he resorts to extreme measures to win back the affections of his ex-wife Ewa.

Through a cast of stunning models, movie moguls, wannabe starlets and jaded hangers-on, the Brazilian said he had written "not a thriller, but a crude portrait of where we are now."

A regular visitor to the annual film festival, the 61-year-old author of *The Alchemist* set out to try to understand why visitors behaved as they did in Cannes.

People with beauty or

big bucks or both descend on the Riviera resort each year and fret over coveted party invitations, lose sleep over what to wear and dream of being spotted as the "next big thing" in the world of entertainment.

"I said 'My god, these people are here, spending fortunes, and where is the fun?'" That

was my question," Coelho told Reuters in a telephone interview.

He said, there was a difference

between earning fame and fortune through a talent or passion like writing, directing or performing, and wanting celebrity as an end in itself.

"Today this has become a kind of sickness," he said.

"Everybody now wants to be famous for the sake of being famous, not because they have something important to present or because they have something to share."

"Everybody now wants to be famous for the sake of being famous."

Paulo Coelho

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Hudson may appear on CW

Kate Hudson may be changing zip codes from Malibu to 90210. Although her rep denies that Hudson will be on the show, an insider tells In Touch that the actress has agreed to make a guest appearance on an episode of The CW drama. **INTOUCHWEEKLY.COM**

Entertainment**Entertainment in brief**

FILM Director Patrick Tatopoulos, *Underworld* co-creator Kevin Grevioux and *Death Ray* Films are teaming to bring the comic book *I, Frankenstein* to the big screen.

I, Frankenstein is an upcoming Darkstorm Comic written by Grevioux that brings together classic monster characters, including *Frankenstein's Monster*, the *Invisible Man*,

Dracula and the *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, in a contemporary film noir setting.

The *Monster*, for example, who has evolved and learned how to control his anger, is now a private investigator. *Dracula*, meanwhile, is a kingpin of crime, and the *Invisible Man* is a secret operative.

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Keener joins Percy Jackson cast

Catherine Keener has joined the cast of Percy Jackson, director Christopher Columbus' adaptation of Rick Riordan's fantasy-adventure book series.

The books, which put Greek gods in modern times, involve Poseidon's

half-human son, Percy, who is on a quest in modern America to prevent a war among the gods.

Columbus and Craig Tilly wrote the screenplay for the Fox 2000 feature.

Keener plays Percy's mother, who has battled to protect her son from

otherworldly forces but has been abducted by Hades.

The actress joins a lineup that includes Pierce Brosnan, Uma Thurman, Sean Bean, Kevin McKidd and Melina Kanakaredes. Logan Lerman plays Percy. Keener, who next ap-

pears in *The Soloist* with Robert Downey Jr. and Jamie Foxx, just wrapped Fox Searchlight's untitled comedy with John C. Reilly, Jonah Hill and Marisa Tomei, written and directed by the Duplass brothers (*Baghead*).

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Penelope Cruz has vowed to grow old gracefully like her icon Sophia Loren and insists she will not have cosmetic surgery to keep her looks — and looks forward to getting grey hair and wrinkles. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Art imitates life for Aniston

PEOPLE Jennifer Aniston has reportedly found inspiration from the movie she's filming, *The Baster*, about a 40-year-old woman who turns to artificial insemination to get pregnant.

"Jen's been telling everyone on the set this film should be promoted as the story of her life," a source tells the *National Enquirer*. "But the real shocker is that she says her top candidate for artificial insemination is David Schwimmer."

Oddly enough, on their hit show *Friends*, Schwimmer's character fathered Aniston's character's child.

Mel's secret lover?

RELATIONSHIP Days after Mel Gibson's wife of 28 years, Robyn, filed for divorce, a 24-year-old Russian pop singer has come forth, claiming that she had a romantic relationship with the 53-year-old actor and has now fallen in love, usmagazine.com alleges.

In an interview in Britain's *The Sun*, Ok-sana Pocheva confirms that she is the mystery

brunette photographed kissing Gibson on a Costa Rican beach in March.

"This is serious and I hope that our union will be real and strong and long-lasting," she told the paper.

Us Weekly reports that the two met last August when Pocheva was hired to compose a song for Gibson's upcoming

thriller *Edge of Darkness*.

A source on the set tells Us that the pair — who would spend days alone together in his trailer — always tried to be discreet about their relationship.

"They would come out and attempt to walk around separately, but then at the end of the day, they both returned to the same hotel ... She was there on and off for a week, but it was clear she had no business there other than to be with Mel."

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LiLo breaking down?

PEOPLE Since her breakup with Samantha Ronson, Lindsay Lohan has reportedly gotten out of control, drinking and partying all over Los Angeles — and now her family is trying to get the troubled actress back into rehab, according to *OK! Magazine*.

"We're all trying to convince Lindsay to go," a relative tells the magazine.

The topic even reportedly led to a raucous shouting match between Lindsay and her mom, Diana Lohan, early in the morning on Easter Sunday, disturbing the Hollywood Hills neighbourhood where Lindsay is renting a house.

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Billy Ray plays Foxx for remarks

DISPUTE Billy Ray Cyrus says Jamie Foxx was out of line after making crude cracks at his 16-year-old daughter, Miley Cyrus, usmagazine.com reports.

Foxx, 41, apologized Tuesday for saying on his Sirius radio show that the Hannah Montana star needs "to get a gum transplant ... make a sex tape ...

do some heroin."

Foxx — who has a teenage daughter — told Jay Leno, "I didn't mean it maliciously. You know I'm a comedian."

But on the *Bonnie Hunt Show*, Billy Ray says, "It was hurtful.

There wasn't nothing funny about it. And, quite frankly, I think if I said those things about his daughter, he might not find it so comedic."

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Mandy's career relaunch

CAREER Mandy Moore doesn't like her own music, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer says she has never recorded a "quality" song because her label chose all her music.

She said: "The music is all a reflection of me now, not somebody else's choices. I was just told to show up and what to sing. That was late-'90s pop music for you."

"I found myself in the company of Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera,

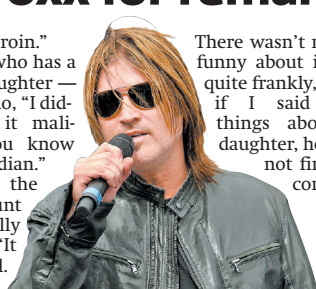
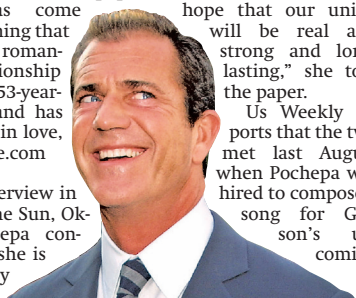
who had really quality music, much more so than mine," she said. Mandy hopes her new album Amanda Leigh — made with the help of her musician husband Ryan Adams — will change her pop reputation.

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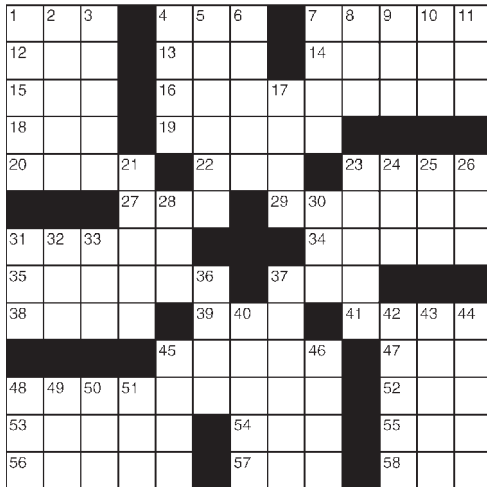
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Crossword across

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4 Upper limit
7 Excavate
12 Wire measure
13 — Dhabhi
14 Overact
15 Literary collection
16 Ransom-note writer
18 Author Fleming
19 Double- — sword
20 Approaching
22 Spud bud
23 A handful
27 Early hrs.
29 Neat and stylish
31 Bow or Barton
34 Starbucks order
35 Eve, e.g.
37 Sailor
38 Do what you're told
39 Brewery product
41 Close friends
45 Steve Carell role
47 Actor McBride
48 Insecticide alternative
52 Annoy
53 Hunter in the sky
54 Patriotic chant
55 Appomattox also-ran
56 First Oscar-winning film
57 Remuneration
58 "Undeniably"

Crossword down

- 1 With full force
2 Egyptian peninsula
3 Word on the street?
4 Birthday party must-have
5 Tolerates
6 On the plump side
7 Out of play
8 Mischievous tyke
9 Bush league?
10 Salt Lake tribe member
11 Apiece
17 Requirement
21 Shrewish one
23 Ignite
24 Make up your mind
25 Encountered
26 Prior to
28 West of Hollywood
30 Chicken-king link
31 — -Magnon
32 Science workshop
33 Mimic
36 Freeway access
37 Nobel-winning Mother
40 Drink eagerly
42 With aloofness
43 Crowd?
44 Increases, as prices
45 Lacking
46 Salver
48 Acknowledge applause
49 Spoon-bender Geller
50 Martini ingredient
51 Last king of Albania

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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7	6	1	9	5	3	2	8	4
3	9	4	7	8	2	5	6	1
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8	4	3	2	9	5	6	1	7
9	1	5	8	7	6	4	2	3
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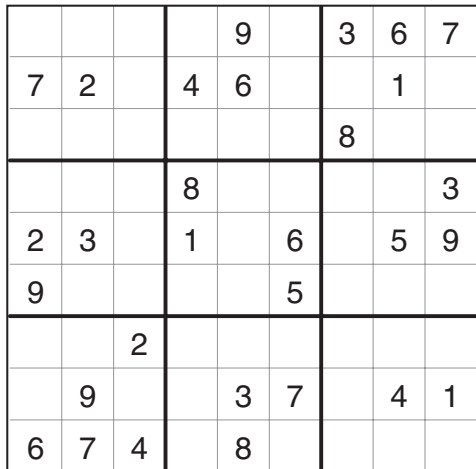
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Sweet and Sour Glazed Pork with Pineapple

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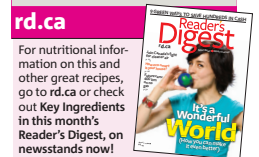
- 14 oz (398 ml) can juice-packed pineapple wedges
1/2 cup (125 ml) red currant jelly
2 tbsp (25 ml) plus 2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt
1 lb (500 g) well-trimmed pork tenderloin
1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Drain and dice pineapple, reserving juice.
2. Combine pineapple juice, currant jelly, 2 tbsp (25 ml) mustard, and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt in small pot. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until jelly has melted and mixture is slightly syrupy and reduced to 2/3 cup, 5 minutes. Cool to room temperature. Measure out 1/2 cup of mixture and set aside as

a sauce. Reserve mixture remaining in pot for a baste.
3. Place pork in 7 x 11-in. (18 x 28-cm) baking dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice and remaining 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt. Brush pork with basting mixture. Roast pork, basting every 10 minutes with pan juices, until cooked through, 30 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, combine diced pineapple with remaining 2 tsp (10 ml) mustard in small bowl. Let cooked pork stand 10 minutes before slicing. Serve sliced pork with reserved sauce and pineapple-mustard mixture on the side.

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Consideration for others causes a risk to arise. Responsibilities slow you down to a crawl. There are twinges of guilt over a tempting offer.



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DEC 22-JAN 20
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A stranger's defeat won't drain your energy. A chat results from a wise decision. A false alarm defines incompetence.



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